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Tilte: Need to take suitable measures for expeditious repair of National Highway No. 66 between Tindivanam and Krishnagiri in Tamil Nadu.

SHRI V. ELUMALAI (ARANI): The National Highway No. 66 runs between Tindivanam and Krishnagiri in Tamil Nadu. This highway has so many potholes leading to a bumpy ride for all vehicles. Pilgrims from various parts of the country and abroad visit the world famous Lord Arunachaleswarar temple in Tiruvannamalai during every full moon day and Angalamman temple in Melmalayanur during every new moon day. These two temples have road connectivity through NH 66. Due to the pathetic condition of NH 66, particularly motorists and heavy vehicle users face nightmarish experience while travelling through this highway. As a result of frequent accidents, many precious lives have been lost. Transitory (India) Limited, a Hyderabad based company had been awarded the contract in the year 2009 regarding laying work pertaining to NH 66 for a stretch of 178 kms between Tindivanam and Krishnagiri. On this issue, when contacted, there were vague responses from Transitory (India) Limited, the contractor. Moreover, the said company claims that the contract period has lapsed. I, therefore, urge the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways to start the tendering process afresh for selection of a new contractor and ensure that the laying work in NH 66 is expedited.